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ST THOMAS MORE, SHELDON

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St. Thomas More Primary Sch. Horse Shoes Lane, B26 3HU Tel: 0121 743 3289. Exec. Principal: Mrs Rebecca Nash	<h2 style="margin: 0;">EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</h2> <h3 style="margin: 0;">3RD MARCH 2019 - Year C</h3>	St. Andrew's Primary & Nursery Sch. Windrush Close, B92 8QL Tel: 0121 743 5675. Head Teacher: Mr Kevin Kelly
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Masses

Sat	5:30pm	John Marley, RIP Anniv.
Sun	8:30am	Ian Salt, RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	Mary Hanratty, RIP
Mon	9:15am	People of the Parish (in church)
	6:30pm	Eileen O'Brien, Ints
Tue	9:15am	Deceased of the Gorman Family
	7:00pm	Rafferty Family, Deceased (Anniv)
Wed	9:00am	Kieran Roper, RIP
	10:30am	Paul Simpson RIP (St Andrew's School)
	7:00pm	Elizabeth Meanen RIP
Thur	9:15am	Pat Carr ints
	7:00pm	Adrian O'Sullivan, RIP anniv
Fri	9:15am	Lynne Shirmer
	7:00pm	Olequiro & Delia Santisteban
Sat	9:00am	Dan & Naomi Santisteban

Ash Wednesday

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour – Tuesday during 7:00pm Mass.
Rosary is recited daily after Morning Mass.
Eucharistic Adoration
 Thurs 9:45-11:00am.
Morning Prayer of the Church:
 Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri, 9:00am. Sat 8:45am.
Sacrament of Confession:
 Sat 9:30-10:00am and 4:30-5:00pm
Stations of the Cross
 Friday 6:30pm

Dates for your Diary
Parish Lenten Day of Prayer, Sat. 16th March
Meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers – Friday 22nd. March, 2019, 7:45pm, Parish Centre

Parish Societies:
SVP – Saturday, 9:45am
Legion of Mary, Thurs 7:45pm
Choir Practice: 6:30pm Tues.
Thursday Club from 1pm, Parish Centre
Journey in Faith Mon 7pm

First Holy Communion Preparation for Children in non-Catholic Schools
 Our group will start to meet on Sunday mornings in the parish centre at 9:30am from Sunday March 10th, 2019. If your child is in year 3 or above at a non-Catholic school and has not yet made his/her First Holy Communion, then they are welcome to join this group. Spread the word!

Mass Intentions for Next Weekend

Sat	5:30pm	Rooney Family
Sun	8:30am	Tony Gately, RIP Anniv.
	10:30am	Richard Lambe & Deceased of Lambe Family

Job Vacancies:
Headteacher – St Edmund Campion
Deputy Headteacher – Our Lady of Lourdes
 See Job descriptions in porch.

Legion of Mary – General Meeting Times
Adult Group – Thurs Eves 7:45pm
Junior Group – Friday Eves 5:45pm
 Both meet in the Parish Centre.
Junior School Groups
 St Thomas More's, **Mondays, 3:30pm**
 St Andrew's, Thursdays 3:45pm

Recently Deceased:
Angela McVeigh: Reception Sun, Mar 17th, 6pm, Funeral Mass, Monday, March 18th. 10:45am
Mary Cambridge: Funeral Mass Fri Mar 29th, 11:15am
Mary Overton
May they rest in peace.

St Patrick's Day Celebration
 Thursday, March 14th, in the Parish Centre- from 12:30pm. Bacon and Cabbage Lunch, bring your own beer. Plenty of Craic! Tickets on sale next weekend. 1st come, 1st served!

Pilgrimages:
Knock – Led by Mgr Daniel McHugh 27th April – 2nd May 2019
Oberammergau – For the Famous Passion play 23rd-30th May 2020.
Fatima – 10th-16th July 2019 £632.
 More info on all the above in porch.

Lent 2019
Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from Meat. Fasting is binding on all who are between their 18th and 59th birthdays. One main meal plus 2 lighter meals can be taken during the course of the fast day. Abstinence from meat is binding on all Catholics from age 14 upwards.
Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church on Friday evenings during Lent at 6:30pm.
Lenten House Rosaries If you would like one of the priests to pray the Rosary in your home during Lent, please let us know.

Prayer Sponsors for 1st Holy Communicants
 Would you be willing to be a prayer sponsor for a child in our parish as he or she prepares for First Holy Communion? It would just involve keeping the child in your daily prayers at this important time. Please sign the sheet in the porch.

Meeting for children's liturgy group leaders, Tues 5th March, 6:00pm, in the presbytery. New members welcome!

St Thomas More's Youth Group
 Training will take place in our parish centre on 6 consecutive Friday evenings, commencing 8th March.

Parish Retreat at Mount St Bernard Monastery
 Whitwick, Coalville Leics. LE67 5UL **Wed 24 Apr- Fri 26 Apr**. Accommodation is available but residential retreatants must stay a minimum of 2 nights. Day retreatants welcome. The monks just ask for a donation. If you would like accommodation to be booked for this retreat please let Fr John know by **March 15th**.

Birmingham Passion Play 2019: 16th, 17th & 18th April in the City Centre. Leading actors/acresses supplied by professional players from the Saltmine Trust. It is still possible to join the cast. Visit www.saltminetrust.org.uk

40 days for Life
 There will be a prayer campaign outside the Marie Stopes abortion centre, 4 Arthur Road, Edgbaston, B15 2UL from 8am-8pm daily from **6th March- April 14th**. A **kick-off** event will take place in the Upper Cloister Room at the B'ham Oratory, B16 8UE on **Sunday 3rd March at 2:00pm**- guest speakers include Bishop John Keenan of Paisley.


Training for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 An exciting day of training for both new and experienced Ministers of Holy Communion is taking place at **St Ambrose Barlow, Hall Green on Saturday 30th March from 10am-4pm**. The day will be led by Mgr Danny McHugh. More details, along with alternative dates and venues for this training, can be found in the porch.

Rosary for the Unborn
 Please join the Knights of St Columba and SPUC in praying for the unborn. This campaign is being organised in honour of the centenary of the Knights of St Columba. Prayer leaflets in the porch.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS - 24/02
 Gift Aid £193.80 ~ Non-GA £385.50
This Weekend – Cathedral Maintenance
Next Weekend – Empowering Vulnerable Children

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes
 Saturday 25th. May- Friday 31st. May 2019. Prices: By coach, from £444, By air, from £774. More info. available from the Lourdes Office on 0121-230-6288 or lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org

The **Lenten Walk with Me** books are now available, £1 per copy. If you buy one, please take another copy, free of charge and pass on to someone who might not be presently going to church.

St. Thomas More's Parish Tote JACKPOT NOW £1,850
 Result for 26/02/19 
02-03-07-13
 Next draw will take place **On Tues 5th Mar after morning Mass**

Every Life Matters – Talk by Life Charity Sat, 23rd March at 11am. Information 0121 475 1227. Poster in porch

More **Foundation Governors** are needed for St Thomas More School. Please contact the school for more info

SICK: Hugh Murphy, Chris O'Shea, Mary Marie, Magda Skrybant, Pam Firkins, Cornelius McKay, Rosie Smith, Peter Fahy, Joseph Fahy, Joan Morris, Sally Woodcock, Montana Coughlan, Stephanie Allsop, Maria Walton, Cameron Cuddihy, Ann Taylor, Richard Coe, Etti Devine, Nora Mills, Daniel Meadows, Darlene Tideswell, Freya Williams, James Dalton, Paul Ryan, Mary Griffiths, John O'Sullivan, Elaine Collins, Lilian Collins, Gillian Cox, Josephine Conboy, Rita Duffy, Margaret Kelly, Joanna Jones, Michael Wallis, Val Plesser, Jean Cole, Charlotte Moriarty, Ami Mucklow, Danny Moore, Jeanette Kilmartin, Demie & Danielle Pinches, Santhamma Abraham, Mary Cusack, Kathleen Widdop, Kathleen Biddles, Baby Jacob, Anne O'Donnell, Justin Bull, Annie Mortimer, Padraig Mannion, Hugh Hanratty, David Comerford, Margaret Bond, Ann Heath, Keith Allen, Andrea Cadman, Marie Ryan, Caelan McGurk.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Murphy, Fr Carter, Fr Pinkman, Fr Crookenden, Fr Luxton, Canon Allport, Fr Jarvis, Fr Fullerton, Fr Johnson, Deacon Rowe, Vincent Sequeira, Ian Salt, Brenda Balderson, Edward Maher, Robert Miller, Patrick Lynch, Elizabeth Nicholson, Jeremiah Moloney, Mary Evans, Peter Mills, Thomas Hennessy, Patricia Perkins, Mary McHugh, Ellen O'Sullivan, Nora Newman, Margaret McGettigan, Teresa Simmons, Ursula Lamb, Hilda Faulkner, Veronica Reddy, Christine Lambert, Frederick Fitzsimons, Elizabeth Reilly, Eileen Deehan, Patrick Murphy.

Next BINGO Sat March 2nd., 7pm.	Piety Stall is open before/after all weekend Masses. Large variety of Cards and Gifts		
	Rotas for 10th March 2019		
	5:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
Readers:	D	B	A
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	B	A	D
Cleaning:	A.Lane, A.Walsh		
Counting:	F.Perkins, M.McGrory, T.McGrory.		
Brasses:	S.Hall, C.McGrory		